(d) what action Government propose to take against the officers responsible for violation of said orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of steel

3435. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the prices of Steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed hike is mainly to contain the impact of the recent railway freight hike; and

(d) if so, to what extent the cost of production of steel has increased due to this railway freight hike?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) There is no proposal before the Government to increase the price of steel.

(d) The recent changes in the Railway freight structure with effect from 1.12.1986 are likely to increase the cost of production of saleable steel by about Rs 35/- per tonne.

Allotment of foodgrains for rural development programmes

3436. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average monthly allotment and disbursement of foodgrains for the Rural Development Programmes like NREP, RLEGP etc. during the current year; and

(b) whether in view of the sufficient stock of foodgrains with the FCI, Government propose to increase the quota for these programmes, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Foodgrains under Nation Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme are released to the States in two half yearly instalments. Utilisation of foodgrains is, however, reported by the States on monthly basis. A statement indicating the releases of foodgrains made to the States/UTs so far and the utilisation reported by them upto September, 1986 is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Against utilisation of 0.83 million tonnes of foodgrains under NREP/RLEGP in 1985-86 it is expected that a quantity of 2 million tonnes would be utilised during 1986-87.

Statement

Foodgrains released and MONTHWISE Utilisation under NREP/RLEGP

I. FOODGRAINS RELEASED (LAKH MTs)

Programme	1st instalment	2nd instalment
(i) National Rural Employment Programme (NREP)	7·33	3·33
(ii) Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP)	4·72	1·75
TOTAL	12·05	5·08